

4, 5; 11th, 15; 12th, 17; 13th, 100; 14th, 71; 11th, 71; 12th, 17; 13th, 100; 14th, 71; total 1562. Delegates 73.

C. M. Caldwell—1st District, 52; 2d, 53; 3d, 107; 4th, 34; 5th, 104; 6th, 67; 7th, 62; 8th, 79; 9th, 52; 10th, 34; 11th, 15; 12th, 66; 13th, 52; 14th, 50; total 853. No delegates.

Foundmaster.

Greenbury Martin received a total vote of 138 in the 14 districts and his opponent, Blue, secured 845. All of the 73 delegates are solid for Greenbury.

DEATH OF SAMUEL ACKERMAN.

He Passed Away Early This Morning at His Home on West Main Street—Well Known in the City.

Samuel P. Ackerman died at 3 o'clock this morning at his home, No. 1004 West Main street, aged 40 years. The deceased was well known in this city. He has been ill for many months and for a number of weeks past his death has been expected. He leaves a wife and two children, aged 14 and 16 years. He also leaves a mother, a sister, Mrs. James Nelson, and two brothers, Lon and Nelson Ackerman, of this city, and a brother living in Florida.

Mr. Ackerman has been connected with the Review Publishing company for over ten years. He was a member of the firm of Downer, Ackerman & Co., and was connected with the Decatur Printing company before he associated himself with the Review. He was considered one of the best printers in the city and had many warm friends. He was a member of Decatur Camp No. 144, Modern Woodmen of America, and also a member of the Typographical Union. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon from the residence.

FOR SUNDAY DINNER.

There will be a Large Variety of Fresh Vegetables in the Market to-morrow.

There will be a large variety of fresh vegetables in the market to-morrow to select from. The vegetables are of good quality and the prices will be reasonable for this time of year. Strawberries will sell for 40 cents per quart box. They are shipped here from Florida and are of good flavor and size. Among the other fresh vegetables will be new beets, radishes, plant and green onions at 5 cents per bunch. Lettuce will be 5 cents per head and cauliflower will sell for 15 and 20 cents a head, according to the size and quality. Fresh mushrooms will be on sale at about 8 cents per pound. Fresh tomatoes will bring about 50 cents a dozen or 5 cents each. Cranberries are 10 cents per quart and new spruce 25 cents per peck. Potatoes of the best quality will sell for 35 cents per bushel. There will be a few spring chickens which will sell for 35 and 40 cents each. Roasting chickens are about 12 1/2 cents per pound. Eggs are down to 10 cents per dozen and are quite plentiful.

Death of a Child.

William Leo, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Mentz died of meningitis at 4:30 o'clock this morning at the family home, No. 1760 North Clinton street, aged 8 months. The child has been ill for the past two weeks. The funeral will be held at 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning from the residence and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Funeral Near Maroa.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Daniel Schenck was held at noon today from the Ridge church near Maroa. The services were conducted by Rev. Wood and the burial was at the Ridge cemetery. The remains were taken from this city in a hearse to the church, a distance of about fifteen miles.

Bread! Bread!

We have not failed to supply the demand for our Blue label malt extract bread for the past few Saturdays. We will tomorrow make a special effort to see that all are supplied in the future. For sale at all grocery stores.

19-46 The Decatur Cracker Co.

The Peoria papers are claiming that a man went from there to Lincoln, Nebraska, taking with him \$2000 to buy a farm and could not find a bank in Lincoln with enough money to cash the draft and had to send back to Peoria for the cash.

The Cudaby Oil company have purchased a 200-acre tract of land near Kaskaskia and will lay down another pipe line from the oil fields to tanks built upon the recently acquired purchase.

Seed Distribution.

New seed—store, complete stock, fresh garden, field and flower seeds. Leon & Morris, 138 East Wood street.—a dwelt

John Jones, the oldest Odd Fellow in Peoria, aged 76, is dead.

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HURLED INTO ETERNITY

The Murderers of Pearl Bryan Meet Death on the Gallows.

OFFICERS IN A STEW BEFORE EXECUTION.

Caused by the Admission of Jackson and Walling that They Had Lied in the Published Confession—Gov. Bradley Recalls a Respite Ordered for Walling—A Time of Uncertainty.

Newport, Ky., March 20.—The day fixed for the execution of Scott Jackson and Alonzo Walling for the murder of Pearl Bryan opened with pleasant weather and the people are pouring into the city. The condemned men spent a restless night, but rose early and ate a hearty breakfast. They seemed unmoved and indifferent. Both told friends that there was no truth in their confessions to the governor. That they played as a last resort. The scaffold is erected in the jail yard, which was soon crowded with people while great throngs outside were unable to get in. Shortly before the hour fixed for the march to the gallows a letter to Walling from his sweetheart, Miss Roberts, was delivered. It sent love and told him to die game. Shortly after 9 o'clock it was announced that Jackson had made a complete confession. This upset the program and the execution was delayed while Governor Bradley could be communicated with. Jackson, in a confession, has said that Walling is not guilty. Walling's attorneys and Sheriff Plummer wired the governor what Jackson said. The crowd outside was kept posted as to developments. They became impatient, believing it was another ruse to gain time.

Walling in their newspaper confession. Wagner is a son-in-law of William Hendren, a wealthy farmer of this county. About the middle of January, 1896, Mrs. Wagner wrote to her brother, Walter Hendren, that her husband was losing his mind, and asked him to go to Bellevue. Hendren went and on January 28 brought Dr. Wagner to Nicholasville and thence to William Hendren's home, about two miles from here, where he remained until February 2. Thus it was impossible for Wagner to have been connected with the crime. There is undisputed evidence of this statement in the form of postal cards and telegrams concerning Dr. Wagner's removal from Bellevue to Nicholasville. Dr. G. M. Hendren today sent the following telegram to Governor Bradley: "As a brother-in-law of Dr. Wagner and a member of his family, will say we court a full investigation of Jackson's and Walling's confession, as it is utterly false, and if you desire to respite them to investigate we are ready to show its falsity." G. M. Hendren.

GOV. BRADLEY'S REASONS.

Full Text of His Refusal to Grant Respite to the Men.

Frankfort, Ky., March 20.—The following is the full text of Governor Bradley's refusal to respite Jackson and Walling:

The common law concerning the crime admitted in the confessions to have been committed, is in force in this state. The confession shows that Pearl Bryan was killed by drugs administered to produce an abortion. If this be true, she being quick with child, as shown by the evidence, the child was killed also. Her death was caused by drugs deliberately administered, the effect of which clearly manifests an utter disregard for human life. The agency employed was not only one from which death or great injury would probably result, but from which, considering its rapid operation, death would necessarily result. Either the physician who administered the drug knew, or had every reason to suppose, it would cause death or should have known it. Under either state of the case, he was guilty of murder and Jackson and Walling were and are equally guilty under the statute of Kentucky. All this must be conceded if the confessions are true.

The confessions, however, are inconsistent and contradictory, utterly at war with every statement that each of the defendants made on the witness stand. It is urged that this should be overlooked, because they were then swearing for their lives. Conceding that their false statements were made to escape danger then pending, it may well be asked how much greater is the danger that now confronts them when they stand in the shadow of the gallows.

If they were excusable for false swearing then, how much more are they excusable and how much more likely is it that they would speak falsely now? One of them says that the body was taken away in a cab; the other that it was taken in a wagon.

This conflict would be quite immaterial, but for the fact that Jackson says they got inside the cab while Dr. Wagner drove. The contradiction, therefore, becomes material.

Walling says that Wagner and Jackson removed the head, while Jackson says that Wagner did it. The removal of the corpse might have taken place to distribute the blood more generally through the system or they may have been loosed when the injection was administered and fallen when the girl was being conveyed to the place where she was found. The whole confession bears a striking similarity to the testimony of George Jackson, for it is now admitted that the body was removed by both Jackson and Walling, and both were present when the girl was decapitated, thus destroying the defensive theory on the trial that the tracks were made by others than Jackson and Walling.

The note or letter said by Walling to have been received from Dr. Wagner asking that the clothing of Pearl Bryan be sent to him, and stating that she was under his care, is not produced nor its absence in any way accounted for.

Not only is the confession a contradiction of the evidence of both defendants, but a flat contradiction of the letter Walling sent me only a few days since and claimed to have been written by him under a sense of rapidly approaching and impending death.

These men have not only trifled with human life, but have trifled with the courts, trifled with the executive and set at defiance the laws of God and man. If it be established that one criminal, after such conduct as this, can, by a mere pretended confession, obtain a respite then every other is entitled to like treatment, and this would result in frustrating justice and bringing the execution of the law into contempt. The wounded hand of Pearl Bryan solemnly and surely points to the fact that she was not dead when beheaded.

The wound could have been inflicted when, during the terrible agony of her decapitation, she raised it in order to ward off the cruel knife.

Dr. Wagner is in the asylum and is the man of all others by reason of his condition at whose door the defendants would most naturally lay this terrible crime.

To grant a respite in order that the defendants might be used as witnesses to procure his conviction would result in a delay of at least a year, as experience in the trial of the defendants has demonstrated. In view of the various conflicts in defendants' statements, no jury would, or could believe any statement that either of them might make and consequently Wagner would not be convicted.

Such delay could result in no good and would only add fuel to the flames and furnish a further incentive to mob violence in this state.

The claim that Walling was under the influence of alcohol, and therefore, deserves clemency, cannot be considered. He shows himself the willing and ready assistant. Each of them have clearly exhibited a reckless disregard for human life. Their confessions, taken in connection with the facts and circumstances proven in the case, show that they committed an atrocious crime. Life is precious to them, but no more so than it was to their victim.

Their poor mothers are entitled to sympathy, but no more than the mother of Pearl Bryan. The law has been set at defiance, and the fair name of Kentucky stained with another bloody murder. Twelve men have passed upon the guilt of each. The circuit judge and appellate judges have affirmed their action.

My oath is that "I will see that the laws are faithfully executed."

The jury fixed the penalty. I have a plain duty to perform. It is not my province to make laws, but to execute them; neither is it my province to fix the death penalty, nor is it proper that I should interpose to prevent its infliction, when the law and the evidence authorize it. Respite refused.

(Signed) William O. Bradley

TRAIN DERAILED.

Engine, Mail Car, Baggage Car and Coach on B. & O. Precipitated Into the River.

ONE KILLED AND FIVE INJURED.

Will Glenn, a Prominent Newspaper Man, Found Dead in Bed in Springfield This Morning from Heart Disease.

Oakland, Md., March 20.—The train from Cincinnati on the B. & O. road was derailed here this morning. The engine, mail car, baggage car and the forward coach plunged from the bridge into the river. One was killed and five were injured.

Will Glenn Found Dead.

Springfield, Ill., March 20.—William M. Glenn, widely known as a newspaper man, and for several seasons of the legislature has been in charge of the Associated Press bureau, was found dead in bed this morning. He retired last night apparently in good health. Death is supposed to be due to heart disease.

BATTLE REPORTED.

Greeks and Turks Said to Have Fought a Bloody Battle on the Frontier.

Paris, March 20.—A Belgrade, Serbia, dispatch says: It is reported that a sanguinary conflict occurred between the Greeks and the Turks on the Thessalian frontier.

GREAT FLOODS.

Much Alarm in the Northwest on Account of the Raging Waters.

TOWNS COMPLETELY SUBMERGED.

Railroad Bridges Washed Out—Trains Abandoned—People Fleeing to Hills—Big Snows Melting.

Sioux City, Ia., March 20.—Dispatches from South Dakota, Iowa, Nebraska tell of serious floods and that the indications are that trouble has only begun. The Big Sioux has risen twelve feet in 36 hours at Westfield, and is still rising. The big bridge between Callopo and Harwarden has gone out and several others are expected to follow. The river is three miles wide at Akron. At Rock Rapids the great river is within three feet of the rock flood of 1881 and is still rising. The warm weather and the rain is rapidly melting the tremendous piles of snow in South Dakota, and swelling all the streams. The Missouri river is still solidly frozen between Pierre and Soo City, but is covered with several feet of water. At Yankton the bottoms are under water and all the railroads are tied up. At Vermilion the residents on the lowlands have taken to the hills. The Great Northern laid a bridge at Viborg. The Milwaukee train was wrecked at Pilebridge near Parkston. The streams are higher in northeastern Nebraska than ever before known. The town of St. James is submerged. Comstock is reported lost. Trains are blocked. The flood valley from Sioux City to Lemars is a sheet of water. Hundreds of families were forced to move out. The water is about stationary this morning. The ice in the Missouri river went out today.

Better Outlook South.

Memphis, March 20.—A measure of comfort was brought to this city this morning by the brightly shining sun and the announcement that the river had not risen during the last twenty-four hours. The work of rescue was continued, hundreds of negroes being brought in by boat. Peoria Appeals to Culton.

Washington, March 20.—Senator Culton received a telegram today from leading citizens of Peoria, Ill., asking that government boats be employed for the relief of suffering persons on account of the floods between that city and Memphis. The dispatch said the situation was hourly growing worse. Culton laid the matter before the secretary of war.

Sec. Alger Issues an Order.

Washington, March 20.—Secretary of War Alger has given orders that government vessels in the vicinity of Cairo, Ill., shall be put in commission at once and everything possible done to relieve the distress and danger incident to the prevailing river floods.

Mississippi Still Rising.

Daubque, Ia., March 20.—Over an inch of rain fell in the last twenty-four hours. The small streams are out of their banks and washing away a number of bridges. The Mississippi rose sixteen inches during the night and is filled with broken ice. All trains are behind time.

The Mississippi at Omaha.

Omaha, March 20.—The Missouri river has risen four feet the past twenty-four hours and is now near the danger line with the flood from the north yet to come.

CORBETT TALKS SOME MORE.

The Ex-Champion Looks to Brady to Arrange Another Fight.

San Francisco, March 20.—In fashionable attire, with no external marks of pugilistic defeat, but debonair and smiling as if he had just won a great victory, James J. Corbett, ex-champion, paraded the streets yesterday and made his appearance in some of the noted cafes and saloons with a corte of admiring friends.

"How do you feel, Jim?" asked his old friend, Porter Ashe.

"As well as any of the Corbets," was the ex-champion's retort.

"You are looking all right," broke in Barney Fagan. "I don't see any marks of defeat on you."

"No, I came out without a scratch," continued Jim. "There are no cuts or gashes. A few of my joints are twisted, but that does not amount to anything. My people take it harder than I do. I wish I had weighed them all before the fight. I'll bet that Harry, Joe and all of them lost more than I did. It did not hurt father as much as it did the boys."

Jimmy Wakely of New York inquired what Jim's plans were for the immediate future.

"I won't make any move until Brady arrives," said he. "I see he is still trying to get another match with Julian, but I

hardly think they will give me another chance. I don't care a snap about the championship. Fitzsimmons can call himself champion, and I suppose he is. But this does not annoy me. What I am after is another battle."

Other friends came in and extended their sympathy. He showed them his disabled hands which were swollen twice their normal size.

"That was all done in the sixth round," said he. "If they had not gone back on me I would have finished him in the seventh. That is why I had no steam."

In the presence of a number of his friends Jim expressed the opinion that Fitzsimmons was down twelve seconds when he fell in the sixth.

"You can bet all you have got," said he, "that he was out more than ten seconds. Scores of men will back me up, but the decision is made and there is no use kicking."

SUCCESSFUL FILIBUSTER.

Cargo of Arms and Ammunition Delivered to Cubans Near Mariel.

Key West, Fla., March 20.—The important news was received here today of the landing in Cuba and safe delivery of the cargo carried by one of the expeditions that left the gulf coast of Florida some time last week. In this connection the Spanish admiral makes a severe arraignment of Weyer for his incapability on account of his failure to capture the expedition after it had landed. The admiral was recently sharply criticized for allowing the vessels to come to the Cuban coast without being captured, which irritated him. He now comes back at Weyer with a hot criticism of the incapability of the land forces.

It seems this expedition landed at a small bay west of Mariel. The Cubans had been informed of its approach and for several nights had waited for it under command of General Garriga. The night of the landing, about 13 o'clock, four lights were seen at sea, red, white, blue and green, which was the signal agreed upon, and the insurgents joyfully rolled with three red lights, followed by one blue light. A short time later the black hull of a big steamer came in close to the bluff, the deep water allowing her to come within 100 feet of the shore. Hastily her stores were disembarked and everything loaded on the mule carts.

Suddenly a shot was heard upon the bank, then another and another, until a fusillade rang through the quiet woods. The Cubans rallied and made a heroic resistance to the government troops, who had so nearly surprised them, and after a desperate fight of nearly an hour drove them off with a heavy loss.

With this expedition there were twenty Americans, eight of them cowboys from the west. They entered the fight with great spirit and dash. The cargo was a large and valuable one, and the Cubans were greatly encouraged at having it land safely. A small rapid-firing gun that could be moved readily from place to place by mules, was one of the most prized acquisitions.

General Garriga of the insurgent forces, in his letter to the Cubans here informing them of the safe arrival and delivery of the cargo, says that this gun alone is worth its weight in gold to them.

Lamoureux's Successor.

Washington, March 20.—Commissioner of the General Land Office Lamoureux's resignation was accepted this evening by the president. This leaves a vacancy which will have to be filled without delay, as the matters which come before the commissioner of the land office are of the highest importance, involving as they do title to the public domain. They are also frequently of a character which will not admit of delay.

The impression is that, before accepting Commissioner Lamoureux's resignation, President McKinley had fully made up his mind as to whom he would appoint as his successor. The general belief is thatlinger Hermann of Oregon is to get the place. He is the most prominent man out for it, and the best informed. Hermann was the ranking member on the river and harbor committee of the last house. He was defeated for re-election through a fusion of the Democrats and free silver Republicans in his district. Commissioner Lamoureux's time had expired and he was anxious to get away. The friction between him and Secretary Bliss over the Chicago lake front decision made it impossible for him to remain.

Blockade of Crete Begins To-morrow.

London, March 20.—The official gazette announces that the blockade of Crete will begin tomorrow to apply only to vessels under the Greek flag.

The Morton Advocate says that farmers in that vicinity report winter wheat entirely killed.

The Illinois river is still rising and there has been some loss of stock in the bottom lands.

The dealers in marble and granite held a meeting in Peoria Wednesday and effected a preliminary organization of a state association.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN.

The Postoffice at Guthrie Robbed Yesterday Morning and a Good Haul Made.

HOOND WAS PUT ON THE TRACK.

The Decatur Dog, Rattler, Traced the Robbers About Five Miles to Point where They Boarded a Train—Animal Did Fine Work.

The Decatur blood hound, Rattler, did another good piece of work yesterday. About 1 o'clock Friday morning the postoffice at Guthrie, Ill., a little town of eighty inhabitants, near Gibson, was robbed. The postoffice is kept in a general store conducted by D. A. Cooper. The work was evidently done by professional safe blowers. The robbers had first broken into the car house at the depot and taken a number of tools among which was a large brace. They had then gone to the back of the store and entered through a window. In the back of the store a large safe which was used as a depository by the business men of the city. The robbers had broken off the combination of the safe and then bored a hole near the lock and blown off the door. They probably used nitro-glycerine, as an empty bottle which had contained that fluid was found on the floor. The brace which had been stolen from the depot was also found and it is supposed that it was used in boring through the safe. Deeds, life insurance policies, notes and other valuable papers valued at about \$1200 were stolen besides \$10 in money and \$25 worth of postage stamps.

Yesterday a telegram was sent to Decatur for the blood hound and the owners, Roy Bendure and Israel Florey, left at 6 o'clock last night. They arrived at Guthrie shortly before 9 o'clock and at once began work with the dog. Rattler was given a scent at the store and made for the depot where the first robbery had occurred. He then went back to the store and trailed down the road about a mile and a half. The dog then went under a barbed wire fence, across a muddy corn field and about a mile further on till he stopped at an old house which was used by a farmer to store machinery.

Deputy C. C. Houskell, who went with the owners of the dog, broke down the door but found nothing inside. A more thorough examination will be made of the place, as it is thought some of the stolen property is hidden in the building. After leaving the house the dog went to the railroad track and on through Gibson to a point where three railroads cross. Here he was unable to follow the scent and it is supposed that the robbers boarded a train as it passed slowly through the city. The flagman said that he had noticed men there but had thought nothing of it as tramps often loitered about the railroad. For several days past a stranger has been at Guthrie making inquiries about the place, and it is most likely that he was in league with the robbers.

The run made by the dog was one of about five miles, but he followed the trail without any trouble and the citizens of the place were greatly pleased. Bendure and Florey, the owners of the dog, feel certain that he can take up any trail if he has a fair start. The robbery at Guthrie made a great deal of commotion. The officials feel certain that the work was done by professional safe blowers and are of the opinion that the men left for Chicago. The police at Chicago have been notified in the hope that the men may be caught.

Oakley Republican Ticket.

The Republicans of Oakley township met on Friday and nominated the following ticket:

Town Clerk—William J. Day.

Collector—Benton O. Hawkins.

Assessor—W. H. Bowen.

Commissioner of Highways—W. F. Coulter.

Justices of the Peace—Frank Baker, I. D. Jennings.

Constables—Eli Ashes, Levi Waggoner.

Overseers of Highways—D. B. Hedding, H. Y. Berry, Marion Morgan.

The Greek Protest to Austria.

Athens, March 20.—In the reply to the protest of the Greek government against the sinking of the Greek vessel by the Austrian gun boat, the Austrian representative replied that it was provoked by the insurgent attack on the gun boat. Greece then consented to await the result of an inquiry into the affair.

Weekly Bank Statement.

New York, March 20.—The weekly bank statement shows: Reserve, decrease, \$4,694,800; banks showed \$48,169,000 in excess of legal requirements.



At The Grand.

The next offering at the Grand next Thursday will be that peer of the best American melodramas, "The Tornado." It tells a clean, beautiful story in a logical and interesting manner. The tornado, collision at sea, rescue in mid ocean and sailors manning the big steamship in the teeth of a furious gale are necessary to the rounding out of the story, and are marvels of stage illusion.

Doubtless, in the mind of the author, the scene in the second act of "The Tornado," in which the sailors are shown forty feet above the deck of the plunging ship furling the monster sail in the teeth of the wind is but a circumstance to the tornado and collision scenes. And yet it seems to me that in this scene he has reached the acme of perfection. The great ship lunges heavily in the trough of the sea. The wind howls fearfully through the burning sails, and round about dart blinding flashes of lightning. It seems so real, that one finds himself almost fearful for the sailors' lives.

SILVER WEDDING.

The Twenty-Fifth Marriage Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Caswell Celebrated.

There was a very pleasant gathering on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Caswell three miles northeast of Decatur, attended by many neighbors and friends despite the bad conditions of the roads. It was the celebration of the 25th marriage anniversary of the couple. The hours were from 10 to 4 and 7 to 11. Dinner and supper were served. The house decorations were very beautiful and tasteful. Many handsome gifts were bestowed. Among the guests were M. M. Harrison, T. A. Cassell, Henry Cassell, T. B. Albert, George M. Danely, C. E. Wheeler, J. H. Record, Ambrose Wilt, J. L. Peake, Michael Clark, A. A. Huganburger, Amos Wootcher, Charles Moyers and their wives, Misses Mabel Shiner, Maude Wilt, Lulu Winkels, Alice Peake, Edna Good and Mrs. R. A. Peake, Messrs. Wat McMahon, Ed Wilt, Will Fulton, Ford Riley and P. A. Cassell of Flora, Ill. Regrets were received from George Oulp of Warrensburg, F. C. Huganburger of Tallula, W. T. Miller of Seymour, John Panacke of Williamsburg, R. B. Senard of Decatur, John Warner of Clinton and George J. Heber of Keokuk, Iowa.

LET HIS LAUGH LOOSE.

It Proved an Ice Crusher and Captured the Audience.

"There's nothing in the world more contagious than good, hearty laughter," declared the manager, who had a rough-and-tumble time of it in his earlier days, but is now on the warm and sunny side of Easy street.

"One time down in southern Ohio I struck a town that was really virgin soil for the theatrical missionary. There wasn't a minute of daylight our posters were not surrounded by a crowd with mouths and eyes wide open. When night came the hall was jammed, but it couldn't have been a less responsive audience if the penalty for laughing had been solitary imprisonment for life. The show wasn't half bad, and yet we couldn't get a hand or even a smile. "While the people on the stage were gazing the crowd and talking about the comforts of the arctic climate, who should appear at the window of the box office but big Bill Meeker, that I used to know at home. He was a traveling man, and with him was Shorty Tompkins, just as big and just as jolly.

"For heaven's sake, Bill," I broke out, "get right in there, you and your friend. Set that laugh of yours to going. Cut loose for all you're worth and see if you can't prove an ice crusher."

"No sooner were they seated than Bill caught a joke, opened a mouth big enough to catch baseballs, and let out for a roar that dropped the icicles from the eave troughs. Shorty joined in, and the players couldn't escape the contagion. Pretty soon some of the old farmers broke into a cackle, and inside of three minutes it was simply pandemonium. People laughed till they were sick. Every act was encoored. It was one o'clock before we could get the curtain down, and we had over 300 invitations to return."—Philadelphia Item.

Texas Convict Farm.

Ten years ago the state of Texas purchased a large farm for convict working, 2,000 acres of which are now under a high state of cultivation. The chief products are cotton and sugar, and the value of the annual crop has increased within a few years from \$53,000 to \$31,000—this in addition to the food and forage raised for the convicts and the farm stock. This farm is operated by "second-class" negro convicts, those who are physically unable to meet the requirements of convict labor, for the majority of the prisoners are still worked under contract.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Married a New Woman.

Mrs. Strongmind—And for what are you incarcerated here, my poor man? The Prisoner—I married a new woman.

(Astonished)—"Impossible! You couldn't be put in jail for that."

"But I was! I married a new woman, and the old woman I had put me here for bigamy."—Household Words.

The remains of Samuel W. Kenney, a spy for the union army, who was shot by order of General Bragg in 1863, have been laid to rest at Dought where Mr. Kenney's widow, Mrs. Miriam W. Kenney, resides. The body was interred after a long association on a lonely Tennessee hillside.

ELEPHANT STORIES.

One Averages an Injury, Another Misrepresents a Benefactor.

Elephants have a way of remembering injuries and kindnesses which surprises men not accustomed to the beasts. E. L. Layard and his wife were in Ceylon, in the Ambigamoa district. They were journeying along gathering insects, shells and birds by easy stages when they came to the station of a road-making party, which was in charge of Woodford Birch. Mrs. Layard was interested in elephants, not having seen any close at hand, so Mr. Birch took her out to see a large, fine female. Mrs. Layard petted the beast, gave it a bunch of plantains, which were eaten with relish, and after making comments on the beast's gentleness, returned to the bungalow. There Mr. Birch incidentally remarked that it was a violent beast, having killed two keepers during the past month. When Mr. Layard heard that he reproached Mr. Birch, while Mrs. Layard grew pale. Then Mr. Birch said:

"Do you think I would have allowed Mrs. Layard to go near her if there had been danger? That elephant is the quietest and best tempered beast in the stud. She was quite right to kill the keepers. They had robbed her of her food. I had observed that she was growing thin, and seeing only a little grain or feed in the box one day I rated the keeper soundly, in the presence of the beast. Next day he took her out to work. She went along quietly till she came to a flat rock. Then she wrapped her trunk about the mahout, put him against the rock and with her forehead squeezed his life out. The next man she killed for the same offense."

Dan Quinton and Mr. Layard were in Colombo when Quinton heard elephants trumpeting and wanted to go to see them. One of the beasts was tied up with more chains than the others, and Quinton went toward this one, in spite of the warnings of keepers that it was a particularly vicious beast. Quinton put his arm around the elephant's trunk and petted it, the elephant seeming most pleased. Quinton had recognized it as an elephant he had seen injured by a huge thorn, or jungle nail. The keeper, in trying to pull the thorn out had broken it off. In a few days inflammation had set in. Quinton went to work with a knife and pair of pincers, and the elephant, in spite of the pain, allowed the man to take the thorn out. He had recognized the beast by the scar, and the elephant remembered him after several years.

DOG THAT CHEWS GUM.

It Required Some Time and Patience to Acquire the Habit.

Black Michael, or Mike, for short, is the name of a little cocker spaniel living in Lako avenue, near Forty-sixth street, Chicago. He came all the way from Colorado by express, nailed up in a wooden box, with slats across the top. On the side of the box was painted in black letters: "Please give me a drink," so that the baggageman would not forget him.

Since he has lived in Chicago he has acquired the peculiar habit of chewing gum. It took him a long time to learn that gum is not to be treated as food, but is to be chewed forever and never swallowed. Before he learned the way of it he was very funny in his efforts to dispose of gum as he was accustomed to dispose of everything that found its way to his mouth.

The first time a piece was given to him he chewed quietly at it for a minute or two. When he found that it stayed just the same size and would not separate, he treated it as he would a tough piece of meat, put his head low down and chewed with more energy. But nothing happened, the queer stuff still stuck together and refused to slide



BLACK MIKE.

down his throat. Then he threw his head back and bit angrily at it, opening his mouth wide and coming down on it with all his might. During this lively process the piece of gum fell out of his mouth, and he lay down on the floor all tired out, and looked at the dented little wad in disgust.

He is a grumpy little fellow, and he made up his mind he would get the best of that stuff, whatever it was. So he soon got up, walked all around it as it lay on the floor, sniffing suspiciously, and then pounced on it suddenly. Of course, it stuck to his paw, and then he was angrier than ever. He finally succeeded in getting it off with his teeth, and then he went at it again. He barked loudly, running around it and pushing it with his nose, but he would not give up, and after many trials he began to get the hang of it and to enjoy chewing it. The habit has grown on him suddenly, and now he sniffs around under the window-sills and chairs, and if the small boy who lives in the same house has left his gum sticking around, he is sure to lose it altogether. For Mike gnaws it off, and putting his little stubby tail down goes off to a corner, and for an hour is perfectly happy.—Chicago News.

New Horses Find Food.

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GIRLS IN STORES.

offices, or factories, are peculiarly liable to female diseases, especially those who are constantly on their feet. Often they are unable to perform their duties, their suffering is so intense.

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should at once write Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass., stating symptoms; she will tell them exactly what to do, and in the meantime they will find prompt relief in Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which can be obtained from any druggist.

"MY DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am so grateful to you for what your Compound has done for me. For four years I suffered such pains from ovarian trouble, which caused dreadful weakness of the limbs, tenderness and burning pain in the groins, pain when standing or walking, and increased pain during menstruation, headache and leucorrhoea. I weighed only 92 pounds, and was advised to use your Vegetable Compound, which I did. I felt the benefit before I had taken all of one bottle. I continued using it, and it has entirely cured me. I have not been troubled with leucorrhoea for months, and now I weigh 115 pounds."—JILLIE HARTSON, Flushing, Genesee Co., Michigan. Box 69.

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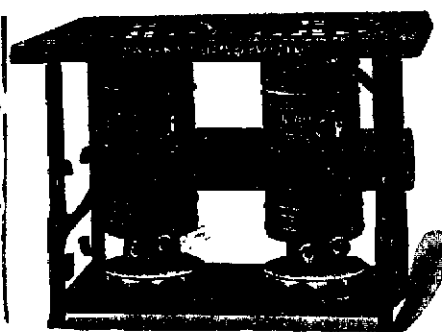
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Sparrow's fine chocolate for sale at the Opera House Drug store.

Tender roast beef with brown gravy served at noon daily at Singleton's restaurant. Oct 31dtf

There was a largely attended sociable Thursday night at the First Baptist church. It was very pleasant occasion.

Buy your flower and garden seeds at W. H. Gallett & Son's flower store. They keep the best. Plant your sweet peas early. Do it now, no delay. Stiff clay soil is best for them. W. H. Gallett & Son, Millikin Building. —30-dtf

No better soft coal in this market than Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hardest of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur and the harder the coal the longer it will burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in stock at market price. Up town office, Irwin's drug store, office and yard 800 North Broadway, old phone 483, new phone 485. M. F. Metz. —31-dtf

Ladies' and Children's made-up dresses, cloaks and capes chemically dyed, cleaned and pressed with ripping apart. Chenille and Portier Curtains dyed and dry cleaned, at Miller's Steam Dye House and Dry Cleaning Works, 145 N. Main street

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REPUBLICANS RATIFY.

Convention Delegates Get Through with Their Work in Short Order.

The Republican township nominating convention was held in the circuit court room at the court house last night and in less than six minutes it was all over.

The convention was called to order by D. A. Maffit, the township chairman, who called for nominations for convention chairman. O. D. Hill proposed Alex McGorray. Somebody named Mr. Maffit, but he protested and after nominations were closed, Mr. McGorray was elected by a unanimous vote. Mr. McGorray took the chair and thanking the delegates for the honor conferred, asked who the convention would select for secretary. I. N. Martin, jr., was quickly elected, and then the convention was ready for business.

It was noticed that many of the chairmen of the different district delegations were getting their credentials out ready for presentation, but they might as well have saved the time and trouble.

Ratification.
 Delegate Alex McIntosh from the Fourteenth district, offered a motion that as there were no contests and as it was generally known who had been selected as candidates for town offices by the voters at the primaries, the list of successful candidates as published in morning and evening papers be ratified, or nominated by this convention. There was a quick second and the motion was adopted, after the official list as published in the Republican had been read by Secretary Martin, at the suggestion of Delegate Black. The names of the nominees appear in another column.

D. A. Maffit's motion that in case of death or declination of any nominee that the township central committee have power to fill any vacancy was adopted.

On motion of Delegate Leach the convention adjourned.

THE DECATUR CHURAL SOCIETY
 Grand Concert at the Tabernacle—A Fine Musical Treat.

Decatur in a musical sense is famous for the many chorus concerts which have been given in the past few years under the leadership of Professor S. M. Lutz, than whom there is no man in our community better qualified by skill and experience to rehearse and direct a large body of vocalists. He has demonstrated this fact in the past and he further emphasized it last night at the grand concert given at the tabernacle by the Decatur choral society. There was a large and appreciative audience present to enjoy the treat. Applause was generous and well deserved in each case.

Part First.
 Orchestra—The Handicap (March).....Rosey Chorus—Praise the Lord.....Ramberg Solo, Violin Concerto.....DeBeriot Miss Jeanette Powers.

Chorus—Balm and Soft.....Palmer Obligate by Mrs. Bunn.
 Solo—The Carnival of Venice.....Benedict Miss Beatrice Howard.

Chorus—By Babylon's Wave.....Gounod Quartet—Gounod song.....Lynes Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Bunn, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Gher.

Duet, Violins—Symphonie Concertante.....Alard Prof. Soldan and Milton Lutz.
 Chorus—Miserere—J. Trovatore.....Verdi Solos taken by Mr. and Mrs. Bunn.

Part Second.
 Chorus—O, Columbia, We Hail Thee! Donizetti Solo—Etelki.....Celi Mrs. F. E. Bunn.

Quartet—O Come to the Woodland.....Hemmer Miss Beatrice Howard, Mrs. F. E. Howard, D. L. Bunn and A. E. Lindamood.
 Chorus—Light and Gay.....Gounod Violin Solo—Capriccio—Valse.....Wienlawski Prof. Otto Solan.

Chorus—Joy to the World.....The work of the choruses, numbering 150 voices, the pick of the Decatur vocalists, was incomparable. The results in shading were splendid, grand. All of the principals acquitted themselves and received enthusiastic encores. A matinee concert was given this afternoon.

How's This?
 We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props. Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm.

WEST & THURAX,
 Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKING, KIRK & MARVIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Funeral of Miss Lord.
 The funeral of the late Miss Lord, the daughter of Oliver and Mrs. Andrew Lord, will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the family residence on East Whitmer street. The services will be conducted by Rev. D. F. Howe and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Bread! Bread!
 We have not been able to supply the demand for our Blue label malt extract bread for the past few Saturdays. We will tomorrow make a special effort to see that all are supplied in the future. For sale at all grocery stores.

19-46 The Decatur Cracker Co.
 \$4.00 and \$5.00
 Boys' Patent Leather Shoes, \$1.99. The ladies' fine Oxfords advertised for today will be on sale Monday morning, March 22, at Powers' Shoe Store.

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ENDEAVOR NEWS.

The annual convention of the Macon County Christian Endeavor Union will meet in the First Presbyterian church Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26.

At 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening there will be a song service followed by a devotional exercise led by Rev. W. C. Miller.

An address on "Sabbath Observance" will be delivered by Rev. W. J. Davenport of Princeton, Ill. The meeting will be followed by a social.

Friday morning at 6:30 o'clock there will be a sunrise prayer meeting at the Edward street Christian church led by Rev. Spayd. The business session will be held at the Presbyterian church and will begin at 10 o'clock.

Reports from the different departments will be given and officers elected for the coming year.

An address will be given by Rev. A. W. Hawkins. His subject will be "O and O Endeavors."

In the afternoon the members of the different committees will hold conferences and in the evening another session will be held. Rev. J. Bernard will lead devotional exercises and Rev. Frank G. Smith of Abingdon, Ill., will give an address on "Interdenominational Fellowship." This service will close with a consoling meeting led by D. D. Watson of Clinton.

Many delegates are expected from the societies throughout the county and all the societies of the city are urged to attend.

All the services are open to every one and the public is cordially invited to be present.

The committee having in charge the "Trip to California" were more than pleased at the liberal patronage afforded the and the cheerful and hearty co-operation of the various societies. They will clear a nice sum and trust the new officers of the union will use it where it will do the greatest good.

The C. E. society of Mt. Zion have elected the following officers:

President—W. L. Reber.
 Vice President—Miss Maude Myers.
 Secretary—Roy McGaughey.
 Treasurer—Miss Stella Durning.
 Organist—Miss Stella Riber.

Junior Superintendent—Mrs. Bell Smith.

The Macon society are having their Endeavor room papered. This society resolved quite a pleasant surprise last week in the shape of a brand new organ. The present was made to them by Mrs. Will Lewis of Decatur. It is a fine instrument and the society prizes the gift very highly and appreciates the generosity of the donor.

The Presbyterian society will hold a short business meeting in connection with their prayer meeting tomorrow evening and will receive several new members.

The Baptist Intermediate society will have a special program tomorrow evening under the direction of the temperance committee.

Wayne Williams Won.
 At the high school yesterday afternoon an oratorical contest was held to choose a student to send to Champaign the middle of May as a representative of Decatur in the contest of the high schools of the state. Yesterday a contest of five students was held and Wayne Williams was chosen as the one to go to Champaign. August Myers was the second choice. The other contestants were Jas. Montgomery, Frank Lindsay and Miss Maud Wallace. The contest was held before the senior class of the high school and some of the members of the faculty. Wayne is a good orator and can well represent the school in the state contest. Other students will be selected to take part in the athletic contest which will be held at the same time.

Rain was Not Heavy.
 For several days there has been a good deal of rain and apparently there was a heavy fall of water, but in reality the amount of rainfall was light. Yesterday the total precipitation was but .30 of an inch and on Wednesday it amounted to .61 of an inch. The rains have made the streets extremely muddy. In portions of the city where there is no paving the streets are almost impassable. The mud in some places is hub deep. On North Broadway north of the railway the street is in bad condition. Heavy wagons have cut ruts almost two feet deep. The country roads are also in bad shape but no worse than the city streets which are not paved.

Gen. Gordon Delivers a Return Lecture.
 Hon. W. B. Jewell of Danville who was a member of a lecture committee in his city that secured Gen. Gordon to deliver his lecture "Last Days of the Confederacy" says it was the greatest effort he ever listened to and captivated everybody. There was a general demand for his return and subsequently he was secured to deliver his other war lecture, "First Days of the Confederacy," which was equally pleasing and instructive.

The testimony of such judges is an assurance that no one should deprive himself of hearing the general at the opera house Monday evening, March 29.

Declared Insane.
 In the county court Friday Mrs. Nell Hardy was declared insane by a jury. Alice Glenn filed the petition for the hearing. Attorney J. H. Latham presented and Attorney R. E. Gray defended. Mrs. Hardy had been examined by Dr. Evans, who testified that she was of unsound mind. The woman will be taken to the asylum at Kankakee.

AS TO MR. HOPKINS.
 A Telephone Journal Calls Attention to the Alleged Record of a Promoter.

Recently the Republican devoted some space to Mr. Hopkins, who claims to own a majority of the stock in the Citizens' Mutual Telephone Company, the article in question affording Mr. Hopkins an opportunity to state his side of points under controversy, in the same connection making assertions as to motives and purposes which were not relished by the other side. We have been requested to give space to the following clipping from the March number of The Telephone, a trade journal published at Chicago by W. R. Mackville:

The action of the city council of Quincy, Illinois, in refusing an ordinance to Mr. J. C. Hubinger, of Kankakee, Iowa, to operate a telephone exchange in Quincy, is peculiar, to say the least. Mr. Hubinger offered to make an extremely low rate of rental to subscribers, to build a modern first class telephone exchange, and to put it into operation in short order. The Bell people, including the Central Union and Long Distance officials, joined with the Stromberg-Carlson people and a man named Hopkins, in fighting Mr. Hubinger before the city council.

The resort to petty falsehoods by these people in pushing this fight deserves the condemnation of the public. The people of Quincy will probably have more to regret than Mr. Hubinger since he tired of the delay and now refuses to accept any kind of an ordinance from the city.

This man Hopkins was secretary of the Board of Trade of Saginaw, Mich. An association was formed in Saginaw to establish an independent telephone exchange, and Hopkins proceeded to delegate himself a committee of one to examine the various telephone systems and report upon their merits to the Board of Trade. After visiting a number of cities and inspecting many systems and feasting with the Bell people at Detroit, he prepared a report lauding the Bell people and discouraging the independent telephone movement. His report was so notoriously false that the people of Saginaw rebelled against it, and the result was his resignation as secretary of the Board of Trade, and his departure from the city. Some time later he turned up at Decatur, Ill., where it is understood he attempted to buy a controlling interest in the Citizens' Telephone Company of that place, where he is at present in a very hot fight with the other directors of the company.

We next hear of Hopkins at Quincy, Ill., shortly after Mr. Hubinger applied for a franchise. He proposed that he would build a plant in Quincy, and furnish low rates, if the council would grant him a franchise. It is difficult to account for his actions. In Saginaw he lauds the Bell company and says the independent companies are losing money; in Decatur he is believed to be attempting to control the Citizens' Telephone company in the interest of the Bell company; in Quincy he turns about and appears anxious to build a telephone exchange in opposition to the Bell company. The independent people are curious to know if the Bell people are behind this man Hopkins. The Telephone can be relied upon to give more light upon this subject.

It will be concluded from the above that the parties opposed to Hopkins in the telephone controversy had called the turn on the gentleman.

OH, I DON'T KNOW.
 They're Not So New.
 All of those bright, shiny, handsomely finished wheels coming out of our house are not new wheels. We are putting out a satisfactory number of new ones, but many of those handsome machines come from our repair department, where they have been re-nickled and enameled by a man who has had fifteen years' experience at this work, and understands it thoroughly. Our nickeling is all done over a finely buffed copper plate, and will not rust or scale off.

If experienced workmen are worth anything, bring your wheels to us.
 You will be proud of your old wheel after it has been through our hands. All work warranted. H. Mueller Gun Co.

Funeral To-Morrow.
 The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ments will be held at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the residence, No. 1760 North Clinton street. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Penhalligon and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Public Sale.
 I will sell at my farm two miles west of Decatur on the Springfield road Saturday, March 27, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following live stock:

Twenty head of Jersey, Holstein and Short Horn cows and heifers.
 18-dtd D. C. Moffitt.

A Birthday Dinner.
 Today Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith entertained a few of their friends at a dinner party at their home on Morgan street. The occasion was the celebration of the birthday of Mr. Smith. Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. M. Davidson were among the guests.

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This man Hopkins was secretary of the Board of Trade of Saginaw, Mich. An association was formed in Saginaw to establish an independent telephone exchange, and Hopkins proceeded to delegate himself a committee of one to examine the various telephone systems and report upon their merits to the Board of Trade. After visiting a number of cities and inspecting many systems and feasting with the Bell people at Detroit, he prepared a report lauding the Bell people and discouraging the independent telephone movement. His report was so notoriously false that the people of Saginaw rebelled against it, and the result was his resignation as secretary of the Board of Trade, and his departure from the city. Some time later he turned up at Decatur, Ill., where it is understood he attempted to buy a controlling interest in the Citizens' Telephone Company of that place, where he is at present in a very hot fight with the other directors of the company.

We next hear of Hopkins at Quincy, Ill., shortly after Mr. Hubinger applied for a franchise. He proposed that he would build a plant in Quincy, and furnish low rates, if the council would grant him a franchise. It is difficult to account for his actions. In Saginaw he lauds the Bell company and says the independent companies are losing money; in Decatur he is believed to be attempting to control the Citizens' Telephone company in the interest of the Bell company; in Quincy he turns about and appears anxious to build a telephone exchange in opposition to the Bell company. The independent people are curious to know if the Bell people are behind this man Hopkins. The Telephone can be relied upon to give more light upon this subject.

It will be concluded from the above that the parties opposed to Hopkins in the telephone controversy had called the turn on the gentleman.

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 All of those bright, shiny, handsomely finished wheels coming out of our house are not new wheels. We are putting out a satisfactory number of new ones, but many of those handsome machines come from our repair department, where they have been re-nickled and enameled by a man who has had fifteen years' experience at this work, and understands it thoroughly. Our nickeling is all done over a finely buffed copper plate, and will not rust or scale off.

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Funeral To-Morrow.
 The funeral of the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ments will be held at 1:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the residence, No. 1760 North Clinton street. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Penhalligon and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery.

Public Sale.
 I will sell at my farm two miles west of Decatur on the Springfield road Saturday, March 27, at 10 o'clock a. m., the following live stock:

Twenty head of Jersey, Holstein and Short Horn cows and heifers.
 18-dtd D. C. Moffitt.

A Birthday Dinner.
 Today Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith entertained a few of their friends at a dinner party at their home on Morgan street. The occasion was the celebration of the birthday of Mr. Smith. Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Hawkins and Mr. and Mrs. M. Davidson were among the guests.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1897.

REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Decatur Township—Election April 6.

Supervisor—HENRY F. MAY.
Assistant Supervisors—JOHN ALLEN,
—W. H. SPENCE,
—P. W. KIPP,
—GEORGE W. STOV,
—J. H. REICHERD.
Town Clerk—A. H. COPE.
Assessor—W. W. FOSTER.
Collector—LANDY R. MARTIN.
Justices of the Peace—GEORGE P. HARDY,
—O. W. SMITH,
—P. B. PROVOST,
—W. H. SHORR,
—JAMES O'MARA.
Constables—HARRY K. MIDKIFF,
—W. W. CONARD,
—T. L. ANTRIM,
—JOHN LLOYD,
—BURN POST.
Commissioner—WILLIAM RUNDY.
Foundmaster—GREENBERRY MARTIN.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, March 20.—Generally fair to-
night and Sunday; colder tonight, fresh
westerly winds.

Blowits on the Cretan Situation.

The Chicago Tribune: The Tribune
printed yesterday morning the first of its
exclusive special cable dispatches from M.
de Blowitz, the most acute, best trained
and longest experienced journalistic ob-
server in Europe. The best evidence of
his accuracy and reliability is to be found
in the fact that the London Times de-
pends upon him for its continental news
and makes it the basis of its editorial
commentary upon the general European po-
litical situation.

M. de Blowitz in his interesting dis-
patch devotes himself to the Cretan con-
ditions, and, as will have been observed,
takes the opposite view from other cor-
respondents and makes it clear that Russia
is not back of Greece, but in reality is
back of Turkey, by virtue of treaty stipu-
lations. The dowager empress, sister of
the King of Greece is naturally on the
side of the latter, but she is powerless as
against the real governing powers of
Russia, even though the czar and the
crown prince of Greece are warm personal
friends. M. de Blowitz explains the atti-
tude of the czar very clearly and consis-
tently. He is under engagement to guar-
antee the integrity of the Ottoman Em-
pire. His obligations compel him to de-
fend that integrity by every means in his
power, and his rights under the treaty not
only are to take and occupy strategic po-
sitions and due preventive measures, but
also to demand compensations.

If such a treaty as this were to be put
into actual operation it would be an im-
minent danger to the peace of Europe and
one which all the powers would dread.
"Turkey at present," says M. de Blowitz,
"dreads its relaxation, judging it for the
moment imprudent, having agreed upon it,
moreover, some five years ago in cir-
cumstances differing from those which
now exist, and it sees that its treaty, if
carried out, would menace its ruin in
Europe." So imminent is this danger
that the powers do not want Russia's
engagements to be carried out or that Tur-
key should be obliged to have recourse to
these engagements. The only power that
has sought to get the benefits of them is
Greece, hence it has done and is still do-
ing all it can to bring about a war.

Also, also, it is that the powers have no-
tified Greece that they intend to maintain
the integrity of the Ottoman empire.

This is M. de Blowitz's explanation of
the situation. As for the conclusion he
is of the opinion that Greece will finally
yield, though it may prolong the danger
and by prolonging it continue to disturb
the peace of Europe. All the same, how-
ever, says M. de Blowitz, "Europe, I am
convinced, will finally triumph owing to
the danger it runs, a danger that comes
of which I have explained." M. de Blowitz's
diagnosis of the situation is un-
doubtedly not only closely accurate, but it
is consistent with the environment. His
further letters will be awaited with inter-
est as next to official statements them-
selves they are the most reliable utter-
ances that are obtainable.

The Convention.

Last night the delegates selected by the
precincts in Decatur township assembled,
organized the convention and nominated
their candidates who, under the call re-
ceived, a majority or plurality of the votes
in the precincts. The convention was
important owing to the fact that there
were no time and every successful candi-
date had a clear majority of the delegates
in the convention, and was of course de-
clared the nominee of the convention.
This made everything harmonious and
left no cause to break. Under such condi-
tions the party should go into the cam-
paign in first class order and win out on
the tickets. The ticket in many respects
is a strong one and it has been demon-
strated at the primaries where over 2000
votes were cast that it is the choice of a

majority of the Republicans. Every candi-
date and every voter had the same op-
portunity. All who desired to vote did
so without hindrance or coercion and
there is no room for anything but satis-
faction. It now becomes the duty of Re-
publicans to see that their own work is
ratified at the polls. This can only be
done by constant and effective work in
getting out the strength of the party at
the polls. In the late election the Repub-
licans had a majority of over a thousand
in this township, but it must be remem-
bered that this is an abnormal majority
due to the peculiar conditions resulting
from the issues in the federal election.
We mention this by way of admonition to
Republicans that they cannot afford to
depend upon that majority to the extent
of permitting the campaign to go by de-
fault, nor can they allow themselves to
take the place of proper diligence by re-
maining away from the polls. It should
be borne in mind always that the most
subtle and dangerous things in politics
are large majorities which tend to make
men careless and negligent.

A large per cent of the candidates on
the ticket are active workers and will do
all they can for the ticket but they cannot
do it all. Much remains with us who are
of the rank and file to do and diligence
should be the watchword all along the
line.

The Confession.

It is hard to comprehend how men con-
demned to death can willfully misrep-
resent facts in the shadow of the gallows.
That this is done as frequently as the
truth is told, there can be little doubt.
Every year develops hundreds of cases
where men standing upon the trap, which
alone for the moment intervened between
them and death protested their innocence
of the crime for which they were con-
demned in cases where there could be no
doubt of their guilt. Others, again, at
the last moment seem to be controlled by
a desire to implicate innocent persons in
the crime for which they are to be exe-
cuted which is even worse than a declara-
tion of innocence where they know their
guilt.

Jackson and Walling, who were hanged
today for the murder of Pearl Bryan have
not only attempted to show themselves
innocent, at least of actually taking the
life of the girl, but have clearly and de-
liberately lied as to the connection of Dr.
Wagner with the case who they claim ac-
tually did the killing.

The confessions of these men are to the
effect that one Will Wood was responsible
for the condition which led to the killing
of the girl and that their connection with
the case was simply to accommodate
Wood and his victim. It is asking a good
deal of the commonwealth to believe that
two young men intelligent enough to be
engaged in a profession would consent to
commit a crime which involved death
solely as an accommodation to another
person, so this part of their confession is
a lie on its face. While this part of the
confession was intended to throw the en-
tire blame for the primary cause upon
Wood they both proceed to declare that
one Dr. Wagner killed the girl and after-
ward cut off the girl's head at a lonely
place to which Dr. Wagner took them and
that all they did was that one of them
held the victim's head while the doctor
cut it off and the other one carried it
away. The logic of the confessions is
that they were the innocent victims of cir-
cumstances who filled the gap between
the primary criminal and the capital
criminal. They lied as to Wagner, as it
is shown beyond the possibility of a doubt
that Wagner was in an insane asylum at
the time the crime was committed.

Here, then, we have another clear case
of an attempt to throw the blame of a
crime upon a man sentenced to be
hung for murder, in the shadow of the
gallows, lying to establish a sort of inno-
cence. We repeat that it is strange that
condemned men will do these things, but
they have done it in the past and will no
doubt continue to do so in the future.

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CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Rev. A. W. Hawkins pastor. Services in W.
C. T. U. hall, Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.
Preaching at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morn-
ing subject, "The Personality of Christ." Even-
ing theme, "The Reign of Law." Endeavor ser-
vice at 8:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.
Lesson-lesson from the Bible, and "Science
and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by
Rev. Mary Baker Eddy, at 10:30 a. m. Subject,
"The Universal Application of the Gospel of
Christ." Friday evening testimonial meeting
at 7:45. Review Building.

CHRISTIAN TABERNACLE.
Church street, between Railroad and North.
Rev. Geo. F. Hall, pastor. Prof. M. S. Calvin,
Musical Director. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.,
C. W. Lewman, Supt. Communion and preach-
ing at 10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning sub-
ject, "Christian Decorum." Evening, "Getting
Right With God." As a tribute Mr. Hall will
read a letter just received from Pastor Billum
the singing evangelist, telling of his immersion.
Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Senior Endeavor at
6:15 p. m. Musical concert at the evening ser-
vice.

Riverside Mission School at 2:30 p. m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
W. H. Penhaggon, D. D. pastor. Sunday
School at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 10:45 a. m.
and 7:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Christ's
Statement of the Christian Life." In the
evening, "The Debt and the Reward."
Horse, or the Children in the Home." Christian
Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.
Corner of North Jackson and East North
streets. J. C. Hupp, pastor. Class meeting at
9:30 a. m. Quarterly meeting services: Prayer
services at 10 a. m., Trinitarian at 10:30 a. m.
and 7:45 p. m. Rev. Theo. Kies of Boody, will
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SERVICES AT EAST PARK CHURCH.
Sunday school at 2:30 p. m., J. Edward Savon,
supervisor. These in the vicinity of the Chapel are
cordially invited.

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.
Rev. D. F. Hove pastor. Class meeting at 2 a.
m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at
10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme,
"Sons of Thunder." Evening theme, "Crossing
the Equatorial Line." Endeavor service at
6:45 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to
the general public and to all not worshipping
elsewhere.

SABRANT'S CHAPEL.
Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Class meeting at
8:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening.

UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST CHURCH.
The Centenary U. C. church, corner of N.
Broadway and Eldorado street. M. B. Spayd,
pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. T. G.
Rutherford, Supt. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Morning subject, "Kadesh-Barnea."
Evening, "Sifting."

SAINT JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.
Rev. Frank N. Allen, rector. Sunday school
at 9:30 a. m. Holy Communion at 10 a. m. Even-
ing prayer and sermon at 6:30 p. m. Even-
ing and sermon at 7:30 p. m.

CHURCH OF GOD.
Corner of North Water and Cerro Gordo
streets. J. H. Howard, pastor. Preaching at
10:45 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning theme, "It
is More Blessed to Give than Receive." Evening,
"The Man Kneeling in Prayer." Sunday school
at 10:30 a. m. W. L. Hull, Supt. P. S. C. E.
at 6:30 p. m.

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Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Wm. Price, Supt.
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ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH.
On Spring Avenue. Rev. J. W. Pearson, pas-
tor in charge. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30
p. m. Morning: "The Relation of Pastor and
Members to Each Other." Evening subject,
"The Cities of Refuge." Sunday school at 9:30
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inches with good heavy fringe for
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Also have Ingrain and Brussels Rugs
for sale, all our own make. Do not
throw your old Ingrain or Brussels car-
pet away but bring them to me and have
nice rugs woven from it.
We weave and sell Carpets cheaper
than ever.

CHAS. PFISTER,
South Side Lincoln Square, 2d Floor.

Call for Stockholders' Meeting of
the Stockholders of the Municipal
Electric Company of Decatur, Ill.

To whom it may concern:
The undersigned stockholders of the Municipal
Electric Company of Decatur, Illinois, being the
owners of more than the stock of
said corporation and upon which stock all as-
sessment have been fully paid up, do hereby
call a meeting of the stockholders of said cor-
poration to be held at the office of said cor-
poration in Decatur, Illinois, upon the 10th day
of April, 1897, at the hour of 1 o'clock p. m., for the
purpose of re-electing the present board of stock-
holders and of electing a new board of stock-
holders to execute, acknowledge and deliver the
notes and mortgages of said company, to secure the
existing indebtedness of said company to J. C. Hupp and Robert
W. Right and Joseph C. Hoeltzer and Edward
L. Pogram, and to be in the aggregate amount of
not to exceed \$25,000, and upon such terms and
conditions as shall be deemed expedient by the
officers so authorized to execute said notes and
mortgages or as shall be particularly pro-
vided for by resolution adopted at such meeting.
John H. Culver, owner of 1 share of stock.
Florence H. Culver, owner of 70 shares of stock.
James M. Willard, owner of 20 shares of stock.
Dated at Decatur, Ill., March 19, 1897.
March 20-43v

VANDALIA LINE EXCURSIONS.
California via New Orleans. Pullman buffet
sleeper every Tuesday and Saturday night from
Chicago, connecting with the Southern Pacific's
"Sunset Limited" for Los Angeles and San
Francisco. Pullman tourist sleeper every Wed-
nesday, through without change from Chicago to
San Francisco.

On the first and third Tuesdays of each
month settlers' one way tickets to points south
at very low rates.
Winter tourist rates now on to points south,
southwest and southeast.
Winter tourist tickets are now on sale to the
principal winter resorts in the south and south-
east.

Homeowners' excursions to principal points
in the west, northwest, south and southwest, on
the first and third Tuesdays of every month, at
very low rates. Round trip. Tickets good for
returning every Tuesday and Friday within three
weeks. Stop over granted on going trip.
For rates, times of trains, etc., apply to J. C.
Millsap, T. P. A., or W. L. Smith, ticket
agent, Union Depot, Decatur, Ill.
Telephone 279.

Lowest Price FURNITURE HOUSE in Decatur

THE SUCCESS OF THE CENTURY.
HATS
of all kinds, colors, shapes,
and prices. NEW SPRING
HATS that will fit both
your head and purse.
The "Cuban" and "Geisha"
—two of the latest. Let us
show them to you.

A new, complete and excep-
tionally well assorted line of attire for little
fellows from 3 to 8, made up in Juniors,
Vestee, Sailor and Reefer style, of all the
new fabrics, running in price
...FROM \$2.25 TO \$5.00....

This department of ours appeals particu-
larly to mothers, and is entitled to their
earnest consideration.

OUR NEW SPRING
STOCK IS NOW IN.

New Novelties in
MEN'S SUITS.
The RIGHT kind. Right in fit, in material,
in style, in general make-up, but particu-
larly right in PRICE. We are showing an
exceedingly swell line of Spring Shirts and
Neckwear. We will appreciate a call.

B. STINE CLOTHING
COMPANY.
245-249 NORTH WATER STREET.
NEXT TO BRADLEY BROS.....

J. B. Bullard,
FUNERAL
DIRECTOR.
SYNDICATE BLOCK, NORTH MAIN ST.,
Where everything pertaining to the funeral business is furnished and attended to in the highest
style of art. Calls day or night will receive prompt attention. In connection a receiving vault.
Residence 2nd West William street. Telephone 128. Office, 128.

Special

—AT THE—

Savings Bank

\$18,000 worth of Dry
Boys' and Children
Men's Furnishing
and Caps, Silks, S
and Shoes.

THE ENTIRE STOCK
Floor has been damaged by
entire stock must be sold
time, before we put in our
our Mr. Silverman is in the
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must be sold AT ANY PR
new goods arrive.

Will not put any price, b
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the Time to Dress You
a Little Money.

YOURS RESPECTFUL

Savings Bank

Corner Water and Park

159 EAST MA

GEO. W. JON

for Spring Ov

We have a few Spring Overcoats to close out.
we can do you good.
\$ 6.50 Spring Overcoat, \$4.00. \$10.00 S
\$12.00 Spring Overcoat. \$7.50. \$15.00 S
—SIZES 33 TO 4

New Spring

Have arrived—the most Fancy and Durable Clo
to suit all. Call and see this line.

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Guarantee

Perfect

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Two Telephones.

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latest combinations of
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et in color and finish—
Suitings still continues.
selling very fast at....

Lappets,
adies, Mulls
New and Spark-
r choice, 12½c

Unbleached
ing Muslin.
at 7c yd., but we
one bale 4½c

HATS

of all kinds, colors, shapes,
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General business is transacted and attended to in the highest
most prompt attention. In connection a receiving bank
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\$18,000 worth of Dry Goods, Men's
Boys' and Children's Clothing,
Men's Furnishing Goods, Hats
and Caps, Silks, Satins, Boots
and Shoes.

THE ENTIRE STOCK on the Main
Floor has been damaged by smoke. This
entire stock must be sold out in a short
time, before we put in our Spring stock, as
our Mr. Silverman is in the market at pres-
ent selecting a Spring stock, and this stock
must be sold AT ANY PRICE before the
new goods arrive.

Will not put any price, but will convince
you by coming to our store that *Now is
the Time to Dress Yourself Up for
a Little Money.*

YOURS RESPECTFULLY,

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Corner Water and Park Streets.

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\$6.50 Spring Overcoat, \$4.00. | \$10.00 Spring Overcoat, \$6.50
\$12.00 Spring Overcoat, \$7.50. | \$15.00 Spring Overcoat, \$8.50

—SIZES 33 TO 44.—

New Spring Suits

Have arrived—the most Fancy and Durable Clothing in the city at prices
to suit all. Call and see this line.

George W. Jones Clothing House,
159 EAST MAIN ST.

EHRMAN'S

We Believe
That we
Have One
Of the
Finest
Laundries
in Illinois,
And are
in position
To Guarantee
As Fine
Work as
Can be
Done
Anywhere.
We
Desire to
Call your
Special
Attention
To the

Ehrman's
Laundry
Guarantees
Perfect
Satisfaction
In
Every
Detail.

Two Telephones.

LAUNDRY.

Following
Points:
We do Either
Domestic
Or Gloss
Work.
We have all
Modern
Machinery
And
Skilled
Hands.
We replace
All
Worn Neck
Free on
Worn Shirts.
We
Deliver
Goods
Promptly.



TO THE SOUTH.

BOLEN & LANNING, Real Estate Dealers,
have another of their popular EXCURSIONS
TO TEXAS on TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH,
where they are selling so much of
their choice cheap lands near Houston
and Galveston. These lands are smooth, level
prairie, most of them new and rich, have never
had a plow in them. We can sell you cheaper
and better lands, better terms than any other
can take exchange in on some of them. Write
us for circulars. We also do a general exchange
business, have lands to exchange for stocks
of goods goods to exchange for lands. In fact can
fit you with almost any kind of a trade. Espe-
cially notice the circulars on the country across
the bayou from Galveston. Write us or call and
see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ill.
BOLEN & LANNING.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce W. W. Pendergast as an independent candidate for Justice of the Peace at the approaching township election.

We are authorized to announce ALBERT ARNOLD as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth ward, subject to the decision of the Republican ward primary.

We are authorized to announce FRANK SELLERMAN as a candidate for Alderman in the Fourth ward at the approaching city election.

We are authorized to announce J. C. A. OBER as a candidate for re-election to the office of Justice of the Peace, subject to the votes of the people.

At All Angels Church.
At All Angels' Episcopal church on East Eldorado street tomorrow services will be held at the following hours: Holy communion at 7:30 a.m.; morning prayer at 10:30; evening at 7:30; Sunday school at 3 p.m. In the morning the subject of the sermon by the pastor, Rev. Bodford Jones, will be "Responsibility," and in the evening "The Third Temptation of Our Lord."

In view of the approaching visit of the bishop on Sunday, March 28, Holy Baptism will be administered tomorrow evening.

—Mrs. Church, widow of George Church, who was a member of Co. I, 118th Illinois regiment, left today for the home for soldiers' widows at Wilmington, founded by the Illinois Woman's Relief Corps. The admission of Mrs. Church to the home was secured through the Woman's Relief Corps of Decatur.



When the doctor comes to prescribe for any "female weakness," the first thing he insists upon is an examination, and the treatment he prescribes is pretty sure to call for the local applications, so naturally disastrous to every modest woman. These humiliating measures are generally absolutely unnecessary, and there is seldom any reason why a woman should submit to them. This statement is made on the authority of Dr. R. V. Pierce, an eminent specialist in the treatment of diseases of women. For thirty years he has been the chief consulting physician at the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, at Buffalo, N. Y. Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription was designed for the cure of all diseases and disorders of the distinctly feminine organs. It has been successful, even beyond the expectations of its discoverer. It acts directly on these delicate and sensitive organs, and brings them back to perfect, vigorous health. Its effect is almost immediate. It allays inflammation, and stops unbearable, nerve-racking pains, as well as unnatural, debilitating drains on the system. It corrects distressing and painful irregularities, and cures where doctors fail.

Every woman who would like to know the truth about her own physiology in health and disease should have a copy of Dr. Pierce's Common Sense Medical Adviser. This remarkable book has over 1000 pages and is a complete medical library in one volume. It contains several chapters on the reproductive physiology of woman, written in plain language, and illustrated fully and very carefully. It tells exactly what the "Favorite Prescription" will do for woman, and offers many useful suggestions for the preservation of health. Nearly 700,000 copies were sold at \$1.00 each. This is the greatest sale ever reached by any medical work ever printed in the English language. The new edition of half-a-million copies, paper-covered, is now offered absolutely free to any one who will send 21 one-cent stamps, to cover the cost of mailing only, to the World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y. In closed binding 50 cents extra (35 cents in slip).

LIGHT EXPENSES

An Important Matter
These Hard Times.

That is where we have the inside track. We are selling the best grades of Dry Goods at lower prices than ever known. Our store is large, light and attractive; our stock new and fresh. Scotch Lanes at 5c. All wool cheap and fancy styles of Suitings at 25, 35, 40, and the best at 50c. 46-inch all wool Imported black and colored Serge at 50c. Stylish black and white Check Union Suiting at 25c. Great Bargains in Muslin Underwear, Hosiery, Ladies' Mittens and Children's, at 5, 10, 15 and 20c pair, worth nearly double. Large lines new Handkerchiefs at 1c, at 5c, at 10c and up, all much under regular prices. We are willing to work cheap this season.

S. G. HATCH
& BRO.

151 EAST MAIN ST.

Funeral of Miss Lord.
C. H. Lord of St. Louis and W. W. Ford of Chicago have arrived in the city to attend the funeral of Miss Luella Lord, eldest daughter of Officer and Mrs. Andrew Lord, which will take place from the family residence 334 East Whitmer street, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The deceased was afflicted with stomach trouble and had been ill for a year. She is survived by her parents, two sisters, Nellie and Mabel, and a brother, C. H. Lord of St. Louis.

Sold His Store.
Asa Somerville has sold his news depot in the Chenoweth building on Williams street to H. I. Stine, who will continue to conduct the business. Mr. Somerville expects to study law. Stine has bought the entire stock of goods and will have a stationery and news business.

Japan Will Not Sell Its Silver.
New York, March 20.—Uchida, the Japanese consul here sent this communication to the Associated Press today: "I am authorized to say that our country will not sell its silver, even after the adoption of the gold standard, as all available silver will be coined into subsidiary coins."

To-Day
Boys' Patent Leather shoes, \$4 and \$5 grade, \$1.99. Patent Leather Pumps 89c. Powers' Shoe Store.
[March 16-66w]

NEW ENGLAND CITIES.

Some Facts Connected with Their Increasingly Rapid Growth.

Whatever the fate of the farming districts of New England, it is evident that the cities are destined to experience a continuous expansion for some time to come. The movement toward the suburbs, occasioned largely by the extension of the trolley roads, has checked the growth of population within the municipal limits in some instances, as here in Providence, but this is sure to be followed at no distant day by the annexation of the neighboring districts. Providence is much smaller in actual area than many other American cities of less population, and could take in considerable outlying territory without creating a bulky and unwieldy municipality. Hartford, Haverhill, Manchester, New Bedford, Newton, Springfield and Worcester are among the New England cities which spread over a greater extent of territory than we.

When the federal census was taken in 1890 only nine cities east of the Hudson had a population of 50,000 or over. They were Boston, with 448,477; Providence, 132,149; Worcester, 84,653; New Haven, 81,298; Lowell, 77,996; Fall River, 74,398; Cambridge, 72,028; Lynn, 55,727, and Hartford, 50,230. Seven years later no less than 16 have reached or passed the 50,000 mark. From estimates made by city officials, it appears that the present population of the first 16 cities of New England is: Boston, 520,000; Providence, 150,000; New Haven, 125,000; Worcester, 102,000; Fall River, 98,000; Lowell, 86,000; Cambridge, 85,000; Hartford, 70,000 (another estimate says 72,000); Lynn, 65,000; New Bedford, 60,148; Bridgeport, 60,000; Manchester, 55,000; Somerville, 55,000; Springfield, 55,000; Lawrence, 54,500; and Portland, 50,000.

New Haven has passed Worcester in the interval since 1890, and regained its old position of third in the race. Lowell has sunk from fifth to sixth, and may be overtaken in the next few months by Cambridge, while Fall River has risen from fifth to sixth position. Hartford has experienced a remarkable growth, leaving its old rival, Bridgeport, far behind, but the greatest proportionate gain of all has been made by New Bedford, which has increased nearly 50 per cent. There is something especially gratifying in the growth of this old whaling port. At one time engaged more extensively in the whaling industry than any other American town, it fell into rapid decay, in common with the other whaling ports of New England, in the early fifties. The famous ships of the preceding decade rotted at its wharves and its streets were strangely quiet. But all this is changed. The town has taken on new life, and is at present one of the most prosperous in New England. Its growth since 1890 is maintained during the next three years and a half, it will have 75,000 people or more when the next federal enumeration is made.

There is a group of smaller cities, which are rapidly approaching the 50,000 mark, and will probably reach it before many years have rolled by. Holyoke is already a town of 45,000 inhabitants, and Chelsea, Haverhill, Brockton, Pawtucket, Waterbury, Salem and Malden run all the way from 30,000 to 40,000. And what is true of the cities of New England is true of the cities of the rest of the country. They show, almost without exception, a considerable gain since 1890, and the census of 1900 will inevitably find a much larger proportion of the total population of the United States centered in the cities and large towns than ever before. The proportion of urban population to the whole in 1890 was 29.12 per cent. It will be more than 33.1-3 per cent when the next census is taken.—Providence Journal.

Rev. Mr. Rhodes Episcopal pastor at Danville will leave the latter part of June. He will visit his parents in North England possibly the principal cities of Scotland and will visit London and the other larger cities in the old country before his return to Danville.

There is a sharp contest over the position at Williamsville, there being five active candidates for the position of postmaster.

Judge T. A. Boyd of Fulton county, an ex-congressman and well known is lying dangerously ill at his home in Canton. He will probably not recover.

Town Talk.

The main topic of interest the next few weeks among the ladies of Decatur will be, "What am I to wear for Spring in the way of a New Dress?"

New Dress Goods.

We are showing the Latest Novelties in NEW DRESS GOODS, in Checks and Bourette Effects, at 19c, 29c, 35c, 50c and 58c per yard.

New Wash Goods.

In Openwork Effects and Grenadine Weaves, at 10c, 12½c, 15c and 25c per yard.

Dress Making.

We make to order at short notice Dresses, Skirts, Waists and Jackets and Capes of all kinds.

Spring Capes.

Velvet and Silk Capes at \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.50.

Shoes.

See our Ladies' Shoes at \$1.50, \$2.00, and \$2.50 per pair. They are nice fitters.

We ask for your trade and will try to please you.

Chas. T. Johnston's

DRY GOODS STORE,

151 North Water Street.

Race Clothing M'fg Co.,

Spring is at hand, so is our Spring Stock of Clothing.

Nobby Spring Overcoats.

Exclusive Patterns only shown
by us. Prices Very Low....

Sack Suits

in new effects, cut to fit.

\$10.00 and \$12.00
buys a Sack Suit.

Clay Diagonals

In Sacks and Frocks.
Cheaper than you ever saw them.
\$7, \$8, \$10, \$15.

Young Men's Suit

In the Latest Patterns.
Tailor Made....
\$5.00, \$7.00, \$10.00

Boys' Suits, Long Pants,

\$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00
* * AND UP.

CHILDREN'S SUITS,

Juniors, Vests, Single and
Double Breasted styles.
Goods Worth the Money.

ONE LOT TWO STYLES Boys' Cheviot Suits,

6 to 13 years, Single and
Double Breasted....
\$1.00 per Suit—Going Fast.

Boy's Knee Pants

25c.
Good ones for the money.
WE HAVE BEATER ONES.

Fancy Shirts,

OUR OWN MAKE,
35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00.
Our Work Shirts are the best
sold. Larger and better made.

STETSON and MILLER HATS.

We are the Agents—
SPRING STYLES.

We show you the ..Best Hats..

In the Medium Grades you
ever saw for the money.
—50c AND UP—

Nec kwear...

The Very Latest.
Just in—
—COME AND SEE THEM—

Come and see Us. We can Save You Money.

RACE CLOTHING M'FG CO., 135 North Water Street.

LOOK AT HIM



He assuredly has a wheel in his head when he says the cost of a Bicycle is in the name (plate), when IN TRUTH it is in the Quality of Material and Workmanship.

REASON JUST A LITTLE.

How did the manufacturer get the reputation? NOT by placing a poor wheel on the market but by using the best material and the most skilled labor attainable. To keep up this reputation he must continue to use the Best. WHY do some new riders who buy a cheap wheel (no name plate wheel) first time buy the best (with name plate) next time? WHY will experienced riders always buy the Best (with name plate)? They have tried (no name plate wheels) and found them wanting. Makers of the RAMBLERS are not ashamed to place the "Name Plate" on their wheel.

We sell only Bicycles with NAME PLATE, fully guaranteed by the Manufacturers.

PAUL HIEKISCH,

132 EAST NORTH STREET.

DON'T



Get the idea that Diamond Jewelry is bought for temporary use. It is bought by thoughtful people as permanent and serviceable ornament. Good and substantial workmanship in the manufacture of High Grade Diamond Jewelry is important. Any manufacturer can make a diamond ring. If not made with the utmost care and skill, both metal and gems are often wasted, and the stones may easily be lost through bad workmanship and careless setting.

The Most Carefully Manufactured Goods

of the highest grade of workmanship, finish, style and selection of stones

Are the Only Kind We Can Afford to Keep.

Others may have lower prices on inferior goods.

We make a Profit on all our goods, but make it Fairly.

Otto E. Curtis & Bro.,

Jewelers and Dealers in Fine China.

Our House has been Established Over 20 Years at
156 EAST MAIN STREET.

LOOK TO US

For Novelties
In New Up-to-date Styles
in Fine Foot Wear.

SEE OUR WINDOWS.

A few of our Swell Spring Style Shoes are shown and they'll interest you.

Spring Goods are coming in every day. Now is the time to buy, and the place to buy is where you get the worth of your money.

F. H. COLE SHOE CO.,

148 East Main St. Sign of the Brass Foot Tracks.

B. F. BOBO, Manager.

UMBRELLAS



FOR TEN DAYS.
NAME painted in each UMBRELLA sold; in white letters, for Next Ten Days.

New Line Spring Styles in

SHIRTS

Call and Inspect My Line.

H. C. Anthony

BRISTLES

IN YOUR TEETH *

Are not pleasant, but you'll get them every time you use a poor toothbrush.

Get a Brush that is built right—costs a little more, but gives satisfaction.

Try our 25c Brush.

KING'S DRUG STORE,

LOCAL NEWS.

Denz, Tailor, 117 North Water St. Fig syrup, 35 cents a bottle, at Irwin's drug store.

Russian corn cure is the best, for sale at Irwin's.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Smoke the famous Lada, a fine 10 cent cigar, made by John Weigand. Meb 25 ct.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-dtf

Rev. A. W. Hawkins will deliver Sunday morning the first of a series of discourses on "The Christ Life."

We guarantee Rock balm to cure coughs and colds. I. N. Irwin & Co.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

Golden Rod Lotion for chapped hands gives satisfaction. For sale at Opera House Drug store.

Smoke the Little J., a fine hand made, Sumatra wrapper—5 cent cigar.

Little Diana cigar; business men's ideal smoke; 5 for 10 cents; 100 for \$1.50. L. Chodak's News House.—14-dtf

Ask your druggist for the German Catarrh Cure, a positive cure for catarrh, asthma, cough, colds and headache. mar 16-dtf

Stanley March, a veteran of Co. K, 152d Illinois regiment, at 1885 North Morgan, had part of his right foot amputated today by Dr. Cass Chenoweth.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedman fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed in bulk. No. 223 North Main street. Durfee & Culp.—14-d&wt

At her home on West Wood street last night Mrs. J. W. Clymer entertained a party of friends at cards in honor of her sisters, Mrs. C. W. Bush and Mrs. Greenwalt, who have been her guests for a few days.

There will be an extra attraction at the Leonard assembly next Monday night. In addition to the usual program Miss Marie Leonard's class of juveniles will give a pleasing exhibition of fancy dances. The regular price, 50 cents a couple will be charged. Extra ladies 25 cents.—20-3t

David Aker, a prominent member of the Pack and Aker families, and having many relatives in this vicinity and about Cerro Gordo, died at Clarksburg, Ohio, Thursday. He had been ill some time.

Harvey McClure was stricken with paralysis yesterday noon, the stroke affecting his right side. The stroke was slight and Dr. C. A. McLean, who attended him, thinks he will recover soon. Harvey until a few years ago was in the show business, doing old man characters. Lately he has been a driver for a laundry firm. He is quite fleshy.

At the Republican convention at Argenta today a vote will be taken to determine the choice of the majority for postmaster, Congressman Connolly having announced that he would recommend the appointment of the person decided upon. The candidates for the office are J. F. Shuey, D. H. Garver, W. H. Hartman and Miss Nellie Sprague.

FOR RENT.

Three Suites of Rooms in Pasfield Building.

Suite of Two Rooms—With clothes closet and private water closet and toilet, per month \$12.50.

Suite of Two Rooms—With clothes closets and private water closet and toilet, per month \$10.

Suite of Two Rooms—With clothes closets, but no private water closet, per month \$10.

These prices include water rent.

I. D. Sime, Architect, Agent, Pasfield Building.

MORE MENACES.

New cases of measles have been reported at the following houses:

Dr. W. H. Hostetler, West Prairie avenue.

Mrs. Ballentine, over Fay's meat market, Lincoln Square.

James Parke, 430 North Morgan st.

Taxes in Mt. Zion.

C. B. Britton, tax collector for Mt. Zion township, has settled with County Treasurer Patterson. This is his report:

Amount assessed, \$14,568.79; collected, \$12,650.63; delinquent, \$1,918.16; commission, \$253. The books of the South Macon collector, the last man, are now in the treasurer's office.

The Roberts-Lancaster Case.

The hearing of Mr. and Mrs. John Roberts on a charge of the abduction of their two little grandsons, children of La Jone Lancaster, will be had in Justice Shorb's court on Wednesday next, beginning at 9 o'clock. Attorney J. M. Gray will appear for the defendants.

UNDER THE WHEELS

Joseph Versailles, a Tramp, Run Over by a Freight Train at Boody To-Day.

HE WAS TERRIBLY MANGLED

And Died This Afternoon—He was a Frenchman and Had No Relatives in This Country—Coroner Bendure Took Charge of Body.

Joseph Versailles, a tramp who was beating his way from St. Louis to this city, was fatally injured this forenoon about a quarter of a mile east of Boody. He was horribly mangled and died of his injuries this afternoon.

The man was riding on the end of a coal car attached to a special northbound freight train on the Wabash road. The conductor discovered that the man was beating his way and as the train was moving slowly, ordered him to get off. The tramp attempted to jump from the car, but his overcoat caught and threw him under the wheels. The train was stopped but the wheels had passed over his body and his left arm and left leg were badly mangled. He was taken on a hand car to a doctor's office at Boody. Surgical aid was given the man but he was so badly hurt that it was impossible to save his life.

Versailles said that he was a Frenchman and that he had no relatives in this country. He is about 30 years old and was fairly well dressed. This afternoon at 2 o'clock Versailles died of his injuries. Coroner Bendure was notified and went to Boody to take charge of the body.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Cor. Short is visiting friends in Ohio.

Mr. John Smith of Chicago is in the city visiting friends.

Mrs. A. T. Summers is visiting friends in Jacksonville.

Miss Edith Durfee is here from Springfield visiting friends.

James Lichtenberger of Maroa had business in the city today.

Will Carr, clerk at Bell's drug store, is confined to his home by illness.

Dr. L. H. Clark left today for Ottumwa, Mo., on a professional visit.

Mrs. James Miller of Bloomington is in the city the guest of her son, Dr. J. T. Miller.

Alderman G. A. Abrams and wife are home from Chicago where they have been on a visit.

Charles Lord and wife of St. Louis are in the city to attend the funeral of Miss Lord.

Attorney J. T. Whitely, who has been confined to his home for some time, is able to be out.

W. L. Shellabarger returned home last night from Keokuk, Iowa, where he went on business.

Miss Joan Rupert, who has been visiting in Maroa and this city, left for her home in Indiana this morning.

C. E. Dawson, who has been confined to his home for several weeks with typhoid fever, is gradually improving.

Mrs. Ed Kennedy and daughter, who have been visiting friends in the city, have returned to their home in Lincoln.

Mrs. C. W. Busch, who has been in the city visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Clymer, left today for her home in Chicago.

Rev. D. E. May of Mt. Zion was in the city today on his way to Moweaqua where he will preach in the Methodist church morning and evening.

TEACHERS' MEETING.

Prof. Tompkins, of the Illinois University, delivered a Lecture on Literature.

A meeting of the teachers of the city was held at the high school this morning. Professor Arnold Tompkins of the Illinois University delivered an address which was one of the finest discourses that has been given before the teachers this season. His subject was "The Educational Advantages of Literature." Among other things he said that persons should read nothing except that which was deep and stirring and not to read simply for fun. Many persons read the latest novels simply because others read them and say that they are good when they can give no reason. The duty of the teacher is to draw a distinct line between what we are and what we ought to be, and literature tends to do this. It shows us what our duty is and how poorly we follow it. Literature deals with fictitious characters, but the lessons are truer than the truth. The speaker said that the value of literature was that it inspires the pupil to better things in life and gives freedom from the hard material world in which we live.

Funeral of S. P. Ackerman.

The funeral of the late Samuel P. Ackerman will take place from the family residence, No. 1004 West Morgan street, at 2:30 p. m., Sunday, March 21. Rev. W. C. Miller and Rev. George P. Hall will conduct the services. The

Woodmen and Printers will attend in a body. The active pallbearers will be Jerry Donahue, H. C. Schaub, George R. Bacon, W. I. Lowry, Charles Pennington and a member of the Typographical Union.

Attention Woodmen. All members of Decatur Camp No. 144, M. W. of A. are requested to meet at their hall in Powers block tomorrow (Sunday) afternoon at 1 o'clock sharp to attend the funeral of our late neighbor, Samuel P. Ackerman. Easterly Camp No. 1626 and all resident and visiting members are invited.

C. S. Price, V. C. G. P. Lewis, Clerk.

DEMOCRATIC TICKET.

Convention Held To-Day at the City Council Rooms.

HALL, ASSESSOR; KINCAID, COLLECTOR

Chairman Hartley's Speech on Taking the Chair—All Traitor Democrats Out of the Party at Last.

The Democrats of Decatur township held a meeting last night in the fourteen districts and elected delegates to attend the convention held today at the court house. These are the delegates:

Delegates.

First—J. H. Krebs, James Harkrader, H. M. Bragg.

Second—J. O. Albright, I. J. Chronister, J. H. Shimer.

Third—H. C. Schaub, Thomas F. Drew.

Fourth—C. W. Utley, M. C. Irish.

Fifth—E. Thayer, J. D. Shaffer, Charles Wendel.

Sixth—A. G. Webber, C. C. Leforgee.

Seventh—C. J. Hartley, W. R. Walter, Robert Burns.

Ninth—Robert Kincaid, Humphrey White, George Bedford, William Ryan, Bennett McKillop, Michael Cuttle.

Tenth—J. Bain, Eddie Sullivan, J. J. Smith, Patrick Mohan.

Eleventh—J. S. Clark, J. B. Walters.

Twelfth—O. A. Bolen, J. R. Mitchell, E. E. Kirkbride.

Thirteenth—James Lindsey, W. G. Barnes, Elkin Chandler. Alternates—G. T. Lane, George Munce, M. O. Hooley.

Fourteenth—R. T. Williams, Ed Springer, Josiah Abbott.

The Convention.

The Democratic convention was held this forenoon in the city council room. It was called to order by J. J. Donahue, the township chairman, who stated that the committee had selected C. J. Hartley to preside as temporary chairman. The selection was ratified by nobody making a kick and Mr. Hartley took the stand.

Mr. Hartley said he was very much pleased to preside over this convention of true Democrats and it was gratifying to him to note the interest as manifested by the attendance. The Democracy, though but recently defeated at the polls, was not routed. (Applause) We are ready again to take up the fight. We have secured our ranks of all trash and traitors. We know that we have got rid of all the traitors and today are here assembled the representatives of the true Democracy. (Applause) Mr. Hartley stopped at this point and called for the selection of a temporary secretary.

T. F. Drew, C. W. Utley and James Lindsey were each in turn named for secretary, but they declined. Then H. M. Bragg was nominated and elected.

On motion of Mr. Donahue the delegates as published in the Review were accepted as delegates to the convention.

On motion of A. O. Bolen the temporary organization was made permanent.

Secretary Bragg read the list of officers to be filled and on motion of Mr. Bolen the chairman was instructed to appoint a committee of one from each of the fourteen districts to name the township ticket.

The Committee.

This committee was appointed: J. H. Krebs, I. J. Chronister, T. F. Drew, M. C. Irish, Ed Thayer, A. G. Webber, W. R. Walters, William Bradley, Michael O'Connell, J. J. Liens, J. B. Walters, A. O. Bolen, W. G. Barnes, R. E. Williams.

The Ticket.

The committee retired and through A. G. Webber submitted this report:

For Supervisor—J. N. Randall.

For Assistant Supervisors—David Banks, Elijah Hampton, J. W. Bradfield.

C. C. Harpstrite, D. J. Cloyd.

Town Clerk—Will Lindsey.

Assessor—Leo S. Hall.

Collector—Robert Kincaid.

Justices of the Peace—J. Q. A. Odor, W. G. Barnes, W. E. R. Kell, E. D. Dilatush, Henry McDermott.

Constables—John W. Kirkbride, James Hale, M. C. Purdy, E. E. Chandler, James Graves.

Commissioner—John W. Fletcher.

Poundmaster—Charles Gallagher.

On motion the report was adopted.

The committee was authorized to fill any vacancy should any occur.

The candidates were requested to meet at the Review office this evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The convention then adjourned.

Bishop Seymour will hold a confirmation service at the Episcopal church at Danville Sunday.

HORRIBLY MANGLED

Frank Yondorff, a Fourteen Year Old Boy, Crushed Between Two Freight Cars.

WILL DIE OF HIS INJURIES

His Bones were Broken and His Lungs Injured—He is the Son of Charles Yondorff, the Auctioneer.

Frank Yondorff, a 14-year old boy, met with a fatal accident about 7 o'clock this morning at the depot. He was caught between two cars and his bones crushed. The boy was south of the depot at a point where a switch connects the tracks of the I. D. & W. and the Illinois Central tracks. An engineer was switching freight. D. & W. box car and the boy had jumped on the car and was on the ladder at one end. As the car was carried toward the I. D. & W. the boy evidently did not see a coal car which had barely cleared the switch. When the box car passed through the switch the boy was caught between it and the coal car and horribly mangled. Switchman Curley and Fireman F. W. Bailey, who witnessed the accident, picked the boy up and carried him on a stretcher to the baggage room. Dr. W. J. Chenoweth, the Illinois Central surgeon, and Dr. Everett J. Brown, the family physician, were called to attend the boy. It was found that his right arm was broken, his hip was mashed and the pelvic bones were crushed. He was also injured internally.

Yondorff was taken to his parents' home on Washington street and Dr. Will Barnes was called in consultation. The physicians pronounced his injuries of a fatal nature. Yondorff is a carrier for the Review and he was returning home from carrying his route when he met with the accident.

Cannot Recover.

At a last hour this afternoon the Yondorff boy was still alive but his death is expected at any time. He is at the home of his father, Charles Yondorff, the auctioneer. He has been suffering with internal hemorrhages and the attending physicians say that he cannot possibly recover.

Ninety Years Old.

On yesterday Mrs. Dr. W. H. Mitchell at her home with her daughter, Mrs. George M. Wood, commenced her 90th annual cycle in good health and with a pleasant social company including Mrs. J. L. Shellabarger of Topeka, Kansas, Mrs. Dr. D. A. Moore of Kansas City, Miss A. F. Wood of Carrollton, Ill. and Dr. E. W. Moore and other relations and friends of this city down to the fourth generation and with many kind remembrances from absent ones.

MARKETS.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 20, 1897. The REPUBLICAN is indebted to B. A. Taylor, dealer in grain, provisions and stocks, with correspondents in Chicago, New York, Minneapolis and St. Louis for the following market quotations.

	Open- ing.	High- est.	Low- est.	Clos- ing.
Wheat—				
March.....	75	75 1/2	74 1/2	75
May.....	75 1/2	75 3/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
July.....	75 3/4	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/2
Sept.....	75 1/2	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Nov.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Dec.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Jan.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Feb.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
March.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
April.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
May.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
June.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
July.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Aug.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Sept.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Oct.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Nov.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Dec.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Jan.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Feb.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
March.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
April.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
May.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
June.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
July.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Aug.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Sept.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Oct.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Nov.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Dec.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Jan.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Feb.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
March.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
April.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
May.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
June.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
July.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Aug.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Sept.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/2
Oct.....	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/4	75 1/